GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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KILLING OF TIGERS BY VILLAGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of tigers of Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra have been killed by the people of the villages surrounding the Reserve;

(b) whether the trees are being cut in the said Reserve by the timber mafia and a paper mill;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to save the tigers in the Reserve?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c) As reported by the State, mortality of a tiger on account of electrocution through a wire laid by poachers, has occurred in January, 2007, outside the western boundary of the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra, and action has been taken against the offenders. While some instances of illicit felling of bamboo and timber have come to light in the area, no organized crime in this regard by timber mafia or paper mill has been noticed.

(d) The steps taken by the Government of India for tiger conservation are at Annexure-I